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BOARD OF TRADE ANNUAL MEETING

Re-Elect Directors Again this
year and Directors Choose
Same Officers.

MANY BUSINESS MEN THERE

Keep Alma on the Boom Was
the One Thought That Every
Member Had.

The annual meeting of the Alma board of trade held at the City Hall on Tuesday evening of this week, was one of the most enthusiastic meetings that the board has ever had, due to a splendid year on the part of the board and to the prospects for keeping the Alma boom going. For once the annual meeting was well attended, a half hundred business men of the city being present at the meeting.

Boom Alma was on everyone's tongue at the meeting and before the evening was over it was clearly demonstrated that it was the intention of every business and professional man in the city to keep their shoulders at the wheel during the coming year and shove Alma ahead. New factories, a new union depot, good roads, paving on West Superior street, a big banquet for the farmers and board of trade, consumed most of the discussion of the evening, and kept everyone busy offering suggestions as to what might be and what could be done.

Such was the spirit shown that one is almost inclined to believe that within the year Alma will jump to the 10,000 mark in population and take first ranking among the cities of central Michigan.

The meeting of the board was called by president, C. F. Brown. The report of the last annual meeting was read and accepted, after which thirty-five new members of the board were voted in. The treasurer's report was read and accepted and referred to the auditing committee.

The secretary's report brought out a number of things that the board of trade had worked on during the past year. Included among these things was the work in securing the designation of the road west of Alma as a trunk line road, the transfer of the Miller Saw Trimmer property to the Republic Motor Truck company, the transfer of the Little Giant Hay Press to the Republic, the purchase of the Grover twenty and the Wright forty-six acres in the southeastern part of the city, the landing of the Western Kerosene Carborator company, and the securing of six acres of ground for the site, and the work in connection with the Alma college endowment campaign. The report of the secretary was accepted.

Following a long discussion on matters relating to the welfare of the city, accounts of which will be found elsewhere in this issue, the board of directors was elected. The same board that did such efficient service last year was again re-elected. The following are the members: D. L. Johnson, C. F. Brown, Francis King, Charles G. Rhodes, Carl H. Washburn, Albert P. Cook, W. W. Cushing, Otto Sanderhoff, Fred Slater, Harry Gerber, Jotham Allen and James E. Mitchell.

Following the election of the directors the directors held a meeting and elected officers. The officers of the past few years, during which time Alma has been forging to the front so rapidly, were re-elected. Charles F. Brown heads the board as president; Charles G. Rhodes was re-elected vice-president, and D. L. Johnson was re-elected secretary. Carl Washburn is again the treasurer of the board.

Tuesday night, when the election was held Charles F. Brown was elected for his seventh term as president of the board of trade, Carl H. Washburn as treasurer for his seventh term, and Charles G. Rhodes as vice-president for his eighth year. D. L. Johnson, the pioneer office holder of the board of trade, was re-elected for his eleventh term as secretary of the board. During this time Johnson has seen Alma go from bad to worse until it was thought by many that Alma was dead, and then he has seen it blossom forth as a new rose, more brilliant and brighter than before. Mr. Brown was elected president of the board when men in Alma were discouraged at the prospects for building up Alma, and has worked with the board through a trying period into the most successful era that the city has ever known.

Following the election of officers, the directors held a star chamber session for the discussion of a new factory. It can be said that a new factory is a practical certainty, but until the thing is tied up tight, it has been thought best not to mention just what the concern is.

EIGHT DOLLAR BEANS

In an article in Tuesday's Detroit Journal, Wm. G. Griffin, manager of the Alma Roller Mills, is quoted as saying that the price for beans to the grower will reach \$8.00 before spring. He also predicted that Michigan would produce 10,000,000 bushels of beans this coming year if the weather conditions are favorable.

WANT NEW DEPOT

Board of Trade Will Go After a New
Union Depot.

If efforts, soon to be put forth by the Alma board of trade prove successful, the city of Alma will be assured of a new union depot within the near future, as it is the intention of the board to take the matter up with the two railroads, and point out the fact that the present depot is entirely inadequate for the traffic which the roads are enjoying in and out of Alma.

During the winter months the depot has been crowded whenever a train has been due, and at times, it has been so crowded that people have been forced to remain outside in the cold while waiting for trains, or be inside with a hundred others, and be packed in like the proverbial sardines. It is far too small for the demands constantly being made upon it by the general public, and something must be done.

It is understood by some members of the board of trade that more office help has been recommended for the union depot to aid in the work of taking care of the traffic.

It has been hinted that action on the part of the board, will bring results and the board is going after them. A depot large enough for the demands of Alma is wanted, and it will probably be forthcoming when the board starts after it.

POST OFFICE IS NOW SEEKING A LOCATION

With Lease Expiring Larger
Quarters Must Be Secured
Because of Business.

Postmaster Inspector Mackey was in Alma the latter part of last week, looking after a new lease for the post office. With the increased business of the local post office there is a big need for larger quarters, when a new lease is taken.

The present lease for the post office expires within the next few months, and new quarters, much more commodious, must be secured before that time, as the present room is far too small for the business that the office is doing.

Postmaster Inspector Mackey is asking for proposals for the furnishing of the suitable quarters for a post office here under a lease for five or ten years from July 1, 1917. The new quarters for the post office must have twice the floor space of the present quarters, and other things in proportion. It is the intention to have twice the number of lock boxes in the new quarters.

Among the things for consideration in the bids, which Inspector Mackey asks for will be the location. A location is wanted that is not too far from the business center and not over eighty rods from the depot. Good day-light is also one of the important things, which will receive consideration.

The business at the local post office has been increasing by leaps and bounds during the past few years, as the sale of stamps at the local post office indicates. During the last quarter of 1914, from October to December 31st, the post office sold \$4,199.63 worth of stamps and during this quarter the expense of the office was sixty-five per cent of the receipts. The same period during 1915 saw the post office selling \$5,219.35 in stamps, or \$1,209 more than the same period in 1914. The expense of the office during this time in 1915 was only fifty-three per cent of the receipts.

The year 1916 shows a still more remarkable increase. The quarter from January 1 to March 31, 1916, saw \$4,069.18 worth of stamps sold, \$6,452.64 worth of stamps was sold during the quarter from April 1 to June 30, and \$6,553.06 in stamps was sold during the quarter from July 1 to September 30. The last quarter of 1916 broke all records with stamps sold to the amount of \$7,590.45.

During January 1917, \$2,749.44 worth of stamps was sold and February 1917 saw \$2,795.79, sold up to noon of the 28th. If March continues as good as the first two months, the first quarter of 1917 will set a new record.

The business being done by the local post office is indicated to some extent by the stamp sales, and these certainly show that Alma is doing extremely well business with Uncle Sam's post office department to be entitled to a post office building.

BUYS LIVERY

Roy Burrell has purchased the cement livery barn on West Superior street of Ed. Drury. Mr. Burrell will run the place as a feed barn, livery and sales stable. He will handle all kinds of delivery work. Mr. Burrell is an experienced man in this line and should prove an able successor to Mr. Drury. Mr. Burrell has an advertisement in this issue of the Record.

FOR SALE

Retort oak, magazine heater, one lining room, table, one stand, kitchen table, two cupboards, one dish cupboard, six dining room chairs, three bedsteads and springs, rag carpet, two dressers, one commode, quantity of grain sacks and crates, farm wagon and steel roller.

MILTON VERDER.

One mile west and one and one-half north of Alma.

SEVERAL BLOCKS MAY BE PAVED

Petition to Council with Request that West Superior
Street Be Paved.

PAVE TO THE CITY LIMITS

Board of Trade Will Also Ask
the Council to Take Action
in the Matter.

Petitions are being circulated for signatures, which are to be presented to the common council of the city of Alma, asking that West Superior street be paved this summer, from the railroad crossing west to the city limits, it is said.

The board of trade also took this matter up at its annual meeting on Tuesday night and the condition of the street west to the city limits was discussed by several members of the board and it is now the intention of the board of trade to take this matter up with the city council and ask that West Superior street be paved west to the city limits this summer, as a portion of the trunk line road, which will extend west to the county line.

As near as can be ascertained the residents of West Superior street are almost a unit in asking for pavement on this street. The Record reporter was informed Tuesday that only a couple residents of West Superior street had refused to sign the petition asking for the pavement on this street.

Just how soon the petitions will be presented to the common council is not known, but the expectations are that the petitions will be in the hands of the council within a short time, so that if the proposition meets with the favor of the council work may be started early in the spring, and completed at the earliest possible moment. The residents of West Superior street, it is said, believe that the council will grant the petition, which will be submitted to them, as the condition of the street is such that it needs extensive repairing or paving.

West Superior street, west from the railroad crossing to the college hill, has long been considered one of the worst pieces of road in the city of Alma, and it has often been in such a condition that teams and automobiles have found it a hard job to get through this two and one-half blocks of road. Near the college, in the spring, the catclaws fall to work and water pours over the sidewalk on the north side of the street near Maple avenue, and at times pedestrians are forced to wade through a few inches of water.

The proposition to pave this street has been mentioned in times past, but in previous years there has been a strong sentiment against it among the taxpayers residing on West Superior street and as a result nothing was ever done about the matter. With the taxpayers on this street petitioning the council for pavement, it is expected that there will be little difficulty in securing it.

The paving of this stretch of road will be a fine thing for the city, and a far better thing for the farmers and teamsters which are continually using this street in ever increasing number.

MARRIED WEDNESDAY

Public School Teacher and Forest Hill
Man Were Wed.

On Wednesday afternoon of this week, Miss Agnes Montague Buckham, one of the teachers in the local public schools, was united in marriage to W. E. Moody of Forest Hill, the wedding taking place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Campbell of this city with only a few of the immediate relatives present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Doerr of Alma college.

Immediately after the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Moody left on a short wedding trip. On their return they will make their home at Forest Hill, where they will be at home to their friends after March 15th.

Mrs. Moody had been a teacher in the fourth and fifth grades here for the past three years. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Buckham of Kalamazoo. Mrs. Moody was a graduate of Kalamazoo Normal. She will continue teaching until the close of the school year.

W. E. Moody, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Moody of Forest Hill, is well known in Alma. He attended the Alma public schools and after leaving school attended Alma college for a time. He has been in the employ of local firms during the course of the past few years. Both very popular and held in high esteem by all who know them and their many friends join the Record in extending congratulations.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harry Holmes, Lansing.....21
Ida Atkinson, Alma.....22
Charles W. Acker, St. Louis.....27
Eva Berry, St. Louis.....26
Claude Simison, Alma.....25
Edna Reed, St. Louis.....20

VOTE ON BONDING ISSUE

The city of St. Louis will vote on a bonding issue this spring. It has been decided by the St. Louis council to ask the citizens of that city to vote on the proposition of bonding for \$25,000 for the sinking of wells to supply water for the city, which makes it appear that our sister city is just as desirous of having good drinking water as is Alma.

MAY GET \$150,000

POWER HOUSE HERE

Central Michigan Light & Power
Company Would Purchase
City Land.

A special meeting of the common council of the city of Alma was held on Monday evening of this week, at which time the officials of the Central Michigan Light & Power company asked the council for a site on which the company might build a \$150,000 power house in Alma.

The site which the Central Michigan company is seeking is located on the north bank of Pine river, a few blocks west of State street. It is expected that the city council will give the power company a fair price on the land that it is seeking here, and if a fair price is given the company there seems to be no question but what Alma will soon have the proposed \$150,000 power house of this company.

EDWARD J. MOINET

Ex-Prosecuting Attorney of Clinton,
Candidate for Circuit Judge.

Mr. Moinet is forty-four years of age, is in the prime of life, and has been actively and exclusively engaged in the practice of law for twenty-two years in this judicial circuit. He is a married man, with a family, and has resided at St. Johns for thirty-five years, except three years at Ithaca, where he commenced the practice of his profession after graduating from the law department of the University of Michigan in 1895. He served the people of Clinton county as prosecuting attorney for six years, and enforced the local option law and other laws vigorously and with marked success; he is attorney for the city of St. Johns and has had an extensive



practice in the supreme court and the circuit courts of the state for the past twenty-two years, and is thoroughly qualified and adapted to perform the duties of circuit judge in a just and impartial manner. He has always been a loyal republican and has given his personal efforts and means in support of that party, speaking at many meetings last fall in Gratiot county with the county candidates. He has a very extensive acquaintance in Gratiot and Clinton counties, and is entitled to the support of the people for this office, at the primary election to be held on March 7, 1917.

From the St. John Republican, January 18, 1917: "Moinet for circuit judge. He is an able attorney and well qualified. Has practiced his profession twenty-two years in this circuit and has the confidence of all."

From the Alma Record, January 26, 1917: "Mr. Moinet is a former resident of this county, having been located in Ithaca, where he enjoyed an excellent law practice. Mr. Moinet is a man of experience, a first class attorney, and a leading republican. He has always been an earnest worker and contributor to the party. In the last campaign he was of material assistance in this county, having made speeches in various Gratiot localities." (80-11-c)

FIREMEN'S BALL

The annual firemen's ball, which was held last week Thursday evening at the Masonic home, was one of the best attended dances ever given by the local firemen, and a nice sum was realized by the firefighters. It was probably the best attended dance ever held in the city of Alma. An orchestra from Owosso rendered the music for the occasion.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

I have engaged S. E. Gardner, M.D. of Mt. Pleasant, who for many years has been making a specialty of diseases of the eye and of refractive work, to spend the second and third Mondays of each month in the hospital, where I shall be glad to have my friends see him when in need of his services.

(73-1y) L. N. BRAINERD, M. D.

FARMERS TO BE GIVEN BANQUET

Board of Trade will Show
Farmers a Big Time
This Month.

GOOD SPEAKERS ARE COMING

Board of Trade Wants to Inter-
est Farmers in Road and City
Limits Propositions.

Before the spring elections are held the farmers around Alma are to have a big banquet in Alma at the expense of the board of trade of the city of Alma, and work in connection with the proposed election is already under way. Many prominent speakers will be present, and give addresses on good roads, etc.

President Brown of the board of trade appointed W. G. Griffin, Fred Slater and Otto Sanderhoff as a banquet committee at the annual meeting Tuesday night and they were told to get things going. Alma is going to show the farmers a big time at this banquet without the cost of a single penny to them.

The board of trade is most anxious to get the farmers interested in the movement for the trunk road west from Alma and also in the proposed extension of the city limits of Alma, and it is to get together for a discussion that the banquet is to be held.

The board of trade realizes the importance of both of these things to the city of Alma and wants to take it up with those vitally interested and trash the matter out, before election day this spring, so that there will be no misunderstanding in regard to either matter. More particulars in regard to the banquet, and possibly the date will appear in the Record next week.

JOINT MEETING

Seville and Sumner and Arcadia Farm-
ers Clubs Held Meeting Here.

A very interesting gathering of a community character was held on Thursday, February 22nd, when the Arcadia Farmers' club, the Seville and Sumner Farmers' club with many township people, in response to the cordial invitation of Dr. and Mrs. Mason, met at the First Presbyterian church in Alma.

Dinner was served to about two hundred people in the commodious basement, which since its recent remodeling, is probably the best place in town for such a purpose.

After dinner, the company gathered in the parlors of the church, and with C. F. Hainline in the chair, a very profitable program was presented. After the singing of a hymn, Rev. J. Frank Jackson offered prayer. Mrs. Gargott gave a reading, entitled "The Leper." There was a vocal solo by Miss Ina Youngs and a piano solo by Miss Laura Amburgey. Dr. Crooks, president of Alma college, in a helpful address, showed how we might all become philanthropists by learning, instead of getting more and more, to give more than we get. Mr. Kirtland of M. A. C. in an address illustrated by charts, showed how to make concrete. Prof. Randels talked in an interesting way about "Farming in Germany." Mrs. William Schiff discussed an article published in the January number of the magazine, "Public Health," "The Physical Care of Rural School Children." It is intended that this community gathering shall be an annual affair.

NEW FIRM

John Robinson and Ralph Snook Form
a Partnership.

Gratiot county will have another name added to its rapidly growing list of industries in the near future, when the St. Louis-Alma Bottling Works starts operation. The bottling works will be located in St. Louis, and will furnish another bond between the two cities.

The members of the new firm have ordered a complete and up-to-date outfit for bottling in Chicago, Illinois, which will be installed during the early part of March, and before the month is over the new concern will be ready for the distribution of a delicious, satisfying, healthful and nutritious beverage, made from the justly famous mineral water at St. Louis.

The manufacturing of the drinks will be under the direct supervision of Ralph H. Snook, a former M. A. C. student, who has been connected with the Greenville Bottling Works since its establishment. Mr. Snook's former experience and thorough knowledge of the business will be a big asset to the new concern. John L. Robinson of Alma, who will have charge of the sales end for the company, forms the Record that nearly points will be reached by auto truck that insuring prompt and rapid delivery of orders. Local dealers who have been wishing for soft drinks of high quality will be glad to have the new company, which is now in operation.

Circuit: con. to

SMALLPOX SCARE

A Two-cent a Line Writer Spread it
on Good and Thick.

A Grand Rapids and a Saginaw newspapers boomed forth the fact a few days ago that Alma was in the throes of a terrible smallpox scare, said article evidently having come from a two-cent a line pencil pusher somewhere around this city.

The world was informed that a couple of people came down with smallpox in one of the local movies, we are told by those who saw the article. It was also reported that the schools might be closed, and that everyone was being vaccinated, in the hope of escaping smallpox.

Alma was deeply stirred over the article, as up to that time it was not known that more than one case of smallpox had developed in Alma. It was enlightening to say the least. Why, we hadn't even heard that the schools might be closed, except over Sunday, as they are every week. When we heard of the scare we came very near getting vaccinated. However, we woke up and discovered that it was written by a reporter, whose regard for money probably exceeded his regard for the truth. As in other cases that have been sprung in the same papers of late.

COLLEGE BASE BALL SCHEDULE FINE ONE

Nine Michigan Intercollegiate
Games Are Among Those
That Are Listed.

The Alma college baseball schedule given out by Manager Linton Melvin calls for a number of good baseball games, among which will be nine Michigan intercollegiate bouts, which will bring the M. I. A. A. title to Alma college, if Alma can bring them into camp.

The schedule calls for the appearance of every M. I. A. A. team on the local lot, and besides this Alma will play all except Adrian away from home. Most of the M. I. A. A. games will come two a week during the season, with a few other games being played early, before the M. I. A. A. season gets under way.

Games are still to be arranged with the Mt. Pleasant Indian school.

Coach Helmer has his baseball men working out twice a week, and as soon as the basketball season is over daily workouts will be held in the college gymnasium. Ten of last year's letter winners are back for the team this year, which will be led by Captain "Bottle" Depew, leading pitcher on the Alma team for two seasons.

The schedule:
April 14—Open.
April 20—Michigan State Normal at Alma.
April 21—Open.
April 27—Olivet at Olivet.
April 28—Hillsdale at Hillsdale.
May 4—Hillsdale at Alma.
May 5—M. A. C. at East Lansing.
May 11—Albion at Albion.
May 12—Kalamazoo college at Kalamazoo.
May 16—Mt. Pleasant Normal at Mt. Pleasant.
May 18—Kalamazoo college at Alma.
May 19—Adrian college at Alma.
May 24—Olivet college at Alma.
May 25—Albion college at Alma.
June 1 and 2—M. I. A. A. Baseball Finals and Track Meet at Albion.
June 9—Michigan State Normal at Ypsilanti.

NEARLY A CERTAINTY

Reemtsma Reports That Alma is Al-
most Sure to Get Factory.

The action of the directors of the board of trade at the meeting Tuesday evening after the annual meeting of the membership of the entire board, on the Steel Products factory proposition, submitted to them by C. W. Reemtsma, the financial agent representing the corporation, was entirely satisfactory to Mr. Reemtsma.

He reports to the Record representative that after having called the president of the corporation over the long distance phone and reporting the situation to him that Alma is reasonably sure to get the factory. The gentlemen in question will visit Alma soon and the matter of site and contract for the building will be arranged at that time. There will be no stock offered for sale in this company as it has been decided to finance a very large output. In answer to an inquiry from one of the directors as to what was the value of Alma, Mr. Reemtsma dug down into his pockets and brought out a few other factory opportunities, one of which will mean a new factory for Alma, and the other a new factory for the city's population and assured them that it is.

He remarked that he expects to return to Iowa the latter part of next week and hints that this Steel Products factory is not the only one that is to come out of Alma.

It is to be remembered that the factory is not the only one that is to come out of Alma.

WANT ROAD BUILT THIS NEXT SUMMER

Alma Board of Trade Wants
Road West of Alma
Constructed.

WILL WORK WITH TOWNSHIPS

Seville, Arcadia, Sumner and
Pine River Township Will
Be Affected by Road.

The trunk line road, west from Alma to the county line, was one of the matters which came up for discussion at the board of trade meeting on Tuesday night, and action in regard to getting this road through will be taken by the board of trade at once.

It was decided at the meeting Tuesday night to ask the city council to pave West Superior street, west from the railroad crossing to the city limits and with the residents of the street also petitioning for pavement this much of the road is certain to be fixed this summer, as it is not questioned, but what the council will approve of paying these few blocks.

It was the sense of the board of trade that Alma should do something for the townships in regard to building this trunk line road, which affects the townships of Seville, Arcadia, Pine River and Sumner. Just how much the city of Alma can do in the matter will be fought out by the board of trade, and then the matter will be taken up with the townships interested, so that it can come up for a vote this spring. C. F. Brown, president of the board of trade, appointed Carl H. Washburn, F. E. Pollack and Hira C. Moore as a good roads committee, and these gentlemen will work on the matter.

It was pointed out at the meeting that the territory west of Alma is logically Alma territory, and that it can be largely developed with the aid of such a good road. Mr. Moore at the meeting Tuesday night told the board of trade that this country is getting to be a good dairy country and pointed out that it was territory that Alma should be interested in.

GLEANERS MET HERE

Wright Opera House Crowded For
Wednesday Meeting.

Wright Opera House was crowded to its fullest capacity on Wednesday for the big Alma district Gleaner federation rally which was held here. It has been estimated that fully six hundred farmers and their wives took in the various meetings that were held.

The feature of the rally was an address by Grant Slocum, supreme secretary and founder of the order, on "Gleanerism." Slocum mentioned the fact that the Gleaner organization was the one farmer organization that had held to the farmers, and kept out others, and that it was the one organization which alone keepsers could not join. He said that it was bringing business management to the farm, and that through its co-operative plan it was aiding the farmers greatly.

Other features of the meeting were the various drills that were given by the various arborers, the recital by Miss Lucia Bellamy of Ionia, and the conferring of the various degrees. A basket picnic was held at noon.

"WAR BRIDES" AT GENESTA

"War Brides," which is claimed by critics to be greater than "The Birth of a Nation," will appear at Genesta. To make it possible for everyone to see the great film drama that has ever been shown in Alma, Managers Genesta will offer 150 seats at 15 cents, the balance will be 25 cents. This is an extraordinary picture and costs an enormous amount of money and is only presented to show the public that it is possible to see the best of motion pictures without going to Detroit or other large cities—Adv.

VALUATION INCREASES

Although their valuation has been increased, the various utilities of Michigan will pay a smaller tax, because the tax rate is smaller, by over three dollars. Both the Pere Marquette and Ann Arbor railroads have been given an increase in valuation. The Ann Arbor railroad has been increased in valuation from \$3,500,000 to \$3,750,000, and the Pere Marquette's valuation has been raised \$50,075,000 to \$82,000,000.

\$500 PRIZE FOR AN ALMA SLOGAN

The Board of Trade of Alma is offering a \$500 prize for the best slogan for Alma. The winning slogan will be chosen by a committee of the Board of Trade. The prize will be awarded to the winner of the slogan for Alma. The winning slogan will be chosen by a committee of the Board of Trade. The prize will be awarded to the winner of the slogan for Alma.